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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASHUHIRO KUJIRAI ET AL. ) : Examiner: G. I. Garcia  
Application No.: 09/595,885 ) : Group Art Unit: 2624  
Filed: June 20, 2000 ) :  
For: INFORMATION-PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION- :  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE :  
MEDIUM CONTAINING PROGRAMS) April 26, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse to proceed initially with prosecution of Species I, shown in Figs. 7, 8, and related figures. Claims 1-30 and 67-76 read on the elected Species.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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